

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 6, 2004, in which claims 1-20 were originally pending. Of those, the Applicants have provisionally elected claims 1-13 for further prosecution on the merits in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 16, 2004. Of the elected claims, claims 1, 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,486,525 to Aton.


In addition, claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aton, in view of admitted prior art. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aton, in view of admitted prior art and U.S. Patent 6,137,152 to Wu. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art and Wu, while claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art, in view of Wu, and in further view of Aton. Claim 8 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as set forth on page 5 of the Office Action. Finally, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of now cancelled claim 4, while claims 2 and 3 are amended to maintain proper antecedent bases therein. In addition, claim 8 has been amended to include the elements of now cancelled claim 11, while claim 10 is amended to maintain proper antecedent bases therein. The amendment to claim 8 also overcomes the §112 rejection thereto by changing the term "within" to -- adjacent--. Accordingly, each of the outstanding §102 and §103 rejections of the remaining claims have been overcome, and it is respectfully requested that the same be withdrawn.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,  
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